

**In the Claims**

Please delete claims 12 and 19.

Please amend claims 1, 11, 18, and 23 as follows:

1. (Amended) A disposable barrier for a laboratory splash pan comprising:  
a non-porous rigid disposable insert having the general shape of the inside surface  
of a laboratory splash pan, wherein said insert is fully enclosed at a distal end to form a  
splash protective canopy portion, and wherein said insert provides an opening at a  
proximal end for ease of accessibility to the interior of splash pan.

11. (Amended) A disposable barrier for a laboratory splash pan comprising:  
a non-porous, rigid, disposable base having elevated sides so as  
to form a recessed tray; and  
a reservoir formed within said base for retention of a substance.

18. (Amended) A method for protecting the interior surface of a splash pan,  
comprising:  
seating a non-porous, rigid, disposable tray within a splash pan; and  
integrally forming a reservoir within said disposable tray.

23. (Amended) The method of claim 18 further comprising securing a substance  
within said reservoir by means of a removable cover.